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Editorial . . .

THE REASON WHY HE CAME

The season for carols and candles is here. Wreaths and wrappings, gifts and greetings give festive cheer and friendly charm to human relationships all around us. The holiday season is here. It fills the attention and empties the pockets as the glow of Christmas custom shines in the average American home.

Church goers will hear again the story of the miracle child of Bethlehem, of the star and of the shepherds, of the promise of peace and good will to men. In anthem and sermon, in poem and chorus the fact of the birth of the Saviour of men will ring and re-echo in churches the length and the breadth of the land. Beauty for eye and harmony for the ear will be at their best, yet they will not suffice to give due praise to the God Who sent His only begotten Son.

It is because of the unloveliness of earth, of man and his sin, that Jesus came. The angelic announcement of old was to leave no doubt for the reason for the display of Heaven's interest in earth's ills. The angel said: "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall have His people from their sins." Many find the sin question distasteful, an issue to be left unrecognized and unmet. In many circles the need for the soul of man is better left unmentioned. But Jesus was born that He might be among men to deal with sin, man's sins, every man's sins.

Peter preached in Jerusalem before those who would judge him: "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." With that he affirmed the fact that the universal sin question is met by only one means—that means, the Lord Jesus. If the world would know, if the world would listen, if the world would believe and let Him save from sin, every man from his sin and from himself, what peace on earth there would be, what good will among men!

—M. M.

HE WATCHES O'ER US

He watches o'er us,
He prayeth for us,
And ever leads us,
In His way;
His hand doth hold us,
His arms enfold us,
His bounty feeds us
Day by day.

His eye doth see us,
His power doth free us,
And He will guide us,
Lest we stray;
His life He gave us,
His blood to save us,
His wings will hide us,
In the fray.

—R. E. Neighbor

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Christ Jesus was born in a stable . . .

A birthplace of humblest degree,
So that no one could say, "I am poorer,
More lacking in comforts than He."
His mother in swaddling clothes wrapped
Him,

The wardrobe of One, the Divine,
That no one could say of the raiment,
"Christ's garments were better than
mine."

His home and His comforts were
borrowed . . .
No pillow for resting His head.
But He lived, and He suffered and
sorrowed,
To give us true comforts instead.

In Glory His wealth had been boundless!
He laid all those riches aside,
That we might have riches eternal,
And with Him forever abide.

Mrs. Frank A. Breck

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That Blessed Hope

By Leland R. Keys

"Looking for that blessed hope, and
the glorious appearing of the great
God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus
2:13.

The second coming of the Lord Jesus
Christ for His church is one of the great-
est themes of the New Testament Word
of God. It is said that one out of every
thirty verses in the new Testament refers
to this subject; further, that for every
mention of the first coming of Jesus
Christ, His Second Coming is mentioned
eight times.

Let us hear the testimony of the New
Testament on this subject. Jesus Himself
said, "If I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto
myself, that where I am, there ye may
be also." John 14:3. Again, in John 21:22
we read, "Jesus saith unto him (Peter),
If I will that he tarry till I come, what
is that to thee? follow thou me."

We have also those glorious words of
the Apostle Paul as recorded in I Thessa-
lonians 4:16, 17: "For the Lord himself
shall descend from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of the archangel, and with
the trump of God: and the dead in Christ
shall rise first; Then we which are alive
and remain shall be caught up together
with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord
in the air; and so shall we ever be with
the Lord."

Hear the Apostle John: "And now,
little children, abide in him; that, when
he shall appear, we may have confidence,
and not be ashamed before him at his
coming." 1 John 2:28.

Peter reminds the people of God that
in the last days there shall be those who
make fun of the idea of Christ's return.
We read, "There shall come in the last
days scoffers, walking after their own
lusts, and saying, where is the promise
of his coming? For since the fathers fell
asleep, all things continue as they were
from the beginning of the creation." 2
Peter 3:3, 4.

James speaks on this wise: "Be patient
therefore, brethren, unto the coming of
the Lord. Behold, the husbandman wait-
eth for the precious fruit of the earth,
and hath long patience for it, until he re-
ceive the early and latter rain." James
5:7.

And last of all Jude tells of the second
coming in these words: "And Enoch also,
the seventh from Adam, prophesied of
these, saying, 'Behold, the Lord cometh
with ten thousands of his saints.'" Jude 14.

The return of the Lord for His saints
has been the blessed hope of the church
from the beginning of the church age.
It is a comforting hope and it is also a
purifying hope. It is comforting to know
that the Lord shall raise our loved ones
who have died in the faith and to know
that we who are alive and remain unto
the coming of the Lord will be caught
up with them to meet the Lord in the
air. It is a purifying hope because those
who are watching for His return will
want to be found ready with garments
that are white. We are admonished, "Be
ye also ready for in such an hour as ye
think not the Son of man cometh." and

we are warned to "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

The second coming may be divided into two phases: (1) When Jesus comes for His church and (2) when Jesus returns with His church. It is the first phase which we refer to as the "blessed hope" for at that time He shall appear in the clouds and His faithful people will be caught up to be for ever with the Lord.

When this event takes place it will be the Lord Himself Who shall return; His coming will be personal and visible. The angel said, as our Lord ascended into heaven, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

Referring to the time when He shall return to the earth with His saints, John the Revelator states: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wall because of him. Even so, Amen." Rev. 1:7

It has been said that death is the second coming of Christ, but this cannot be so, for the events which are to accompany His return do not occur when we die. Others have contended that Jesus came when the Holy Spirit was out-poured on the Day of Pentecost. There is, to be sure, a sense in which Jesus returned when the Holy Spirit was poured out. However, He did not return in the way in which the Scriptures speak of His second coming. Nor did the events prophesied of occur at that time. It is to be noted further that many of the promises and prophecies regarding His second coming were not given until long after the Day of Pentecost. We would refer the reader to Phil. 3:20, 21; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. It has been said that Christ returned when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D., but again it must be said that there was an absence of many of the events which the Scriptures plainly teach will take place at His second coming. It is interesting to note that the following Scriptures were written later than 70 A.D. Here they are: John 21:22 "Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me." The other is Rev. 22:20, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

The Bible teaches that not every one is going to die before the Lord returns. Some will be living and will see Him when He comes. This is what the Apostle Paul calls a mystery. Says he, "Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, (die), but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall

sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Think of it! Some will not die; some will be changed and will go to be with the Lord without dying. And concerning those who have already died, those who die "in Christ" will be likewise changed in a moment, and in the twinkling of an eye shall be clothed with immortality and incorruptibility, and so shall we be forever with the Lord.

The Scriptures declare that these bodies of ours will be changed, transformed so that they will be fashioned like unto His glorious body. It is our belief that there will not only be a bodily transformation but a spiritual transformation of those who are in Christ as well, for we read in 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

When the Lord returns for His people He will reward them for their faithfulness. Salvation is by grace through faith. It is the free gift of God freely bestowed on all who believe. But the Word of God teaches that in addition to this free gift of salvation, the Lord will give rewards to those who have been faithful in their service to Him. We read in 1 Cor. 3:13-15, "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide . . . he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Hear the Lord Jesus as recorded in Rev. 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Thus we see that the second coming of Christ will be a time of judgment for the saints of God, not judgment for sin, for that occurred on Calvary's cross, but judgment for their works from the time they were saved until the time of the Lord's return.

We do not know the day nor the hour of His return, but we know that by the signs of the times His coming draweth nigh. Jesus said, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mk. 13:33. Let us be ready, therefore, with our lamps trimmed and burning, ever "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

JESUS, SAVIOUR

He did not come to judge the world,
He did not come to blame;
He did not even come to teach,
It was to save He came.
And when we call Him JESUS,
We call Him by His name.

THE ANGELS' SONG

Two thousand years have passed away
Since shepherds heard the angel's lay—
The song that filled them with delight
When Christ was born on Christmas night.

But though the long, long years have fled,
The radiant light that once was shed
Upon the shepherds, shines tonight
Upon earth's path and makes it bright.

That song is heard, that light is seen
By trusting souls; their tone and sheen
Blend with the love of Christ within
The heart that's washed from every sin.

And o'er the cold world's ice and snow
There comes the song of long ago—
There shines the light of Bethlehem
Upon earth's pathway dark and dim.

The cadence of the hymn divine
That mingled with the low of kine,
Shall bring again its sweet delight
With each recurring Christmas night.

Then let each Christian here below
Look out upon the sparkling snow,
And lift his voice and join the song
The Shepherds heard in ages gone.

—W. B. McCafferty

Delayed answers to prayers are not only trials of faith, but they give opportunities of honoring God by our steadfast confidence in Him under apparent repulses.

—C.H.S.

WHEN CHRIST IS BORN

The silent skies are full of speech
For "who hath ears to hear,"
The winds are whispering each to each,
The moon is calling to the beach,
The stars their sacred wisdom teach
Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.

But once the sky the silence broke,
And song o'erflowed the earth;
The midnight air with glory shook,
And angels mortal language spoke,
When God our human nature took,
In Christ the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still;
The gates through which He came,
And forests wild, and murmuring rill,
And fruitful field, and breezy hill,
And all that else the wide world fill
Are vocal with His name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
This latest Christmas morn.
And music hear in everything
And faithful lives in tribute bring
To the great song which greets the King,
Who comes when Christ is born?

—Phillips Brooks
In the WCTU Champion

THE BEST THINGS ARE FREE

In gloomy tones we need not cry,
"How many things there are to buy!"
Here is a thought for you and me.
"The best of things in life are free!"
The air, the sunshine, and the sea,
All gladness, beauty—these are free.
Our faithful friendships, sympathy,
The joys of living—these are free.
The budding blossom, stalwart tree,
God's open country—these are free.
The more we look, the more we see
How many precious things are free;
The heart will find more than the eye
Of things we do not have to buy.

Yes, think how very rich are we
When all the best of things are free.

John Martin

In addition to the free things mentioned by the poet, consider the following mentioned in the Holy Scriptures:

Justification is free—Romans 3:4

The water of life is free—Revelation 22:17

Righteous is free—Romans 5:15-19

Salvation is free—Ephesians 2:8-9

Eternal life is free—Romans 6:23

The Holy Spirit is free—Acts 10:45

The Lord Jesus Christ is free—II Corinthians 9:15

In fact, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

—"Now"

HOW IT BEGAN

One night in an Australian city after I had given out the invitation and a large number of people had risen and were standing, a minister sitting near me became very much excited and said "Look there! Look there!" "Look where?" I said. "Look over there at that tall man and his wife standing" "Yes," I said, "I see them, what of it?" "Why," he said, "that man is the former mayor of the city and is now president of our race track association. What does he mean?" "Why," I said, "I suppose he means to accept Christ. That was the proposition." The minister was nonplussed. He did not know what to make of it. As soon as the meeting was over, I went down to where this man and his wife were standing, and stepped up to them and said to him, "Did you really accept Jesus Christ this evening?" Quietly but firmly he replied, "Yes, I did. Would you like to know how I came to accept Him?" "Yes, I would." "Well," he said, "my little boy was at your children's meeting this afternoon and was converted. He came home full of enthusiasm and insisted that we should come tonight to hear you preach and we came and have decided to accept Christ."

Who can tell how much is involved in the conversion of a little boy?

—R. A. Torrey

We Can Learn — — —

Lessons from the Spider

By J. Narver Gortner

Some time ago in Oakland, Pastor Krogstad preached an interesting Sunday evening sermon in which he introduced the text, "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces." Proverbs 30:28. He told us some interesting things about spiders, and brought out, for the edification of his congregation, some very practical lessons. It made me think of a time fifty years ago when I preached a sermon on that text, and I recalled, as Pastor Krogstad was preaching, the outline I had used. It was fully fixed in my mind, as several times afterwards I repeated the sermon on other occasions. I used the letters S-P-I-D-E-R to stand for certain characteristics of the spider that ought to characterize each of us:

S—skill
P—perseverance
I—industry
D—duty
E—energy
R—royalty

I remarked that spiders are *skillful*. No body who has watched a spider weave a web will call the assertion into question. The spider is made *skillful* by the Creator; man becomes *skillful* as a result of making proper use of his abilities and his time. The *perseverance* of the spider has been witnessed by those who have seen her web destroyed and have then watched her as she proceeded to weave another, apparently undiscouraged by what had taken place. Perseverance, as well as skill, is important if we are to succeed. *Industry* also characterizes the spider, whether the industry evidences itself in the weaving of a web or in the attempt to catch a fly or some other insect that, to the spider, is one of the essentials of existence, and therefore worthy of the employment of her industry. When we have said of a man that he is industrious we have said much, but not everything. What is he industrious in endeavoring to bring about? Something that is one of the essentials, or of considerable importance, or something that ought not to be brought about at all, or that is of very minor value? The spider may not know what *duty* is; nevertheless she is dutiful in being devoted to her task, whatever her task may be. She is instinctively dutiful. We should be intelligently dutiful as the result of a right choice. The spider exercises *energy*. It may be small, but the term *energy* is a relative term, it matters not how we may use it, unless indeed we are speaking of the energy of God which is unlimited. Even then it may be said that the term is relative. The energy of the spider is insignificant when compared with the energy of the lion, but it

is great when compared with the energy of smaller and weaker insects, some of which are so small that they cannot be seen by unassisted human vision. And we should not forget that there are different kinds of energy, and that spiritual energy which God has made available to those of the human family who apply for it, and appropriate it, is even more important than physical energy which in every case, is a gift of God. The spider "is in kings' palaces." God says concerning His saints that they constitute "royal priesthood." And all of these things suggested by a study of the spider are important, if we are to perform our mission, in an acceptable manner, as members of this "royal priesthood." And how can we expect to reach the King's palace after a while, and spend eternity in it unless indeed we fulfill our mission here in harmony with the divine purpose and plan?

POWER TO DO

"... and Fire" (Matt. 3:11)

Our Lord spent three years training twelve men in Christian living, in the hope that they might be used to establish the Christian church. He gave them all the working formula, and laid down principles which, if put into practice, had to work. In His closing words, however, He told them to wait for the Holy Ghost and fire. He knew that no matter how finished their education, how perfect their organization, or how hard they might work as Pentecostal leaders, all would be a failure unless they received that fire. He knew that with the fire they would pass from the commonplace to the mighty. He knew that if they possessed it, men would wonder at them, as though they had been made anew. He knew that they would not only wonder at themselves, but at the grace of God which could thus transform men.

A great battleship lies at anchor — beautiful, perfect, but powerless. But when fire is put in the firebox, she becomes a mighty force. On her deck we see a great gun. It is just a pile of steel. Birds roost upon it with confidence. Even children play around it in safety. It is splendid but harmless. Then the order is given for action. We see the gunner slide a great shell into the barrel. But it is still powerless and harmless. Then a button is touched and fire enters the percussion cap of that shell. In the twinkling of an eye it becomes a thing of power and destruction.

Fire in the heart of the preacher makes all the difference between dead, formal churches, and live, powerful ones.

—Pentecostal Testimony

Our Time is Raw Gold

Prayer is the mint into which moments are coined into heavenly treasure.

Precipitancy is one of the weaknesses resulting from our fall. To rush forward in our thinking and speaking and acting, proves a lack of faith, and want of apprehending the presence and dominion of God over all things. It is true in a thousand different things, that he that believeth will not make haste. To act prematurely is a characteristic of infancy, it shows a rawness of the mind. Hence one of the lessons which we learn more as we become intimately acquainted with God is the celestial art of walking slow. To learn to move slowly with God is not laziness, nor over-lateness, for it is the very highest type of zeal, which is a watchful promptness.

The fault of being behind hand is one of the effects of over-hastiness of spirit. Whereas the most perfect vigilance which keeps the eye ever on God, and moves with Him in the present moment, is too wakeful to be rash, and too prompt to be over-hasty. To learn how to take time, will introduce the soul into a whole world of progress in the religious life.

We must take time to pray. The greatest lack of Christian life today, even among those professing holiness, is a lack of taking time for deep, thoughtful, exhaustive prayer, that is taking time to pray any subject out in all its details before the Lord, and wholeheartedly taking time for the Holy Spirit to speak to us and reveal to us the will of God.

If all the time that Christians spend in anxiety, or seeking advice from other people, or in foolish speculation, or in making plans and building air castles, were spent in patient and thoughtful prayer, what vast fields of satisfactory light and clear divine guidance would be opened to them. They would learn the knowledge of God's will on all lines, such as would give a deep, restful assurance which would make them spiritual giants. If ministers and evangelists, who are supposed to give their time to soul saving, would take time to spend hours each day in prayer to God, they would acquire more light on divine things, and a brighter range of scriptural knowledge, and an interior vision into all creation and providence which all the universities on earth would never impart, and also they would obtain a depth of sweetness of experience which would make them channels of divine life to other souls.

It is amazing how little time even ministers spend in secret prayer. This is because we foolishly imagine that we have so many other things to attend to that we cannot take time to pray; but some day we may find that time was the gold, and that prayer was the mint in which moments were coined into heavenly wealth.

Take time to prepare for our work. The greater the work we are to do, the longer preparation does God give us for it. How eager human nature is to get into an enterprise, or a field or work, before there is a thorough preparation. To be prepared for a great mission is a great deal more than to go through a school or to learn a trade. The preparation must go deeper and enter into the very qualities of the heart and will. There must be the patient endurance, the breadth of apprehension, the quickness and sweep of mental vision, the balancing of the judgment, the impartiality of decision, and a largeness of divine gentleness for those with whom we deal; an inexpressible preparation which oftentimes nothing but suffering or sorrow, or years of patient waiting can develop in us. What world of knowledge we learn from God by studying how He deals with His creation, and with His servants, in time consumed in preparing them for His purposes. He was eighty years training Moses for the work of forty. John the Baptist was thirty years preparing for the work of two years; and the incarnate God was thirty years getting ready for the ministry of three.

It seems to have been the life mission of good old Simeon to hold the infant Jesus a few moments in his arms, and pronounce a glorious prophecy over Him; and he was over eighty years preparing for these few moments.

What we call preparation for a life work is often so utterly human, and so stuffed with man-made theories, as to be a positive hindrance to the Holy Ghost. A preparation, according to God's idea, involves many things beyond the grasp of our thoughts. A short work, with a thorough, divine preparation behind it, will accomplish more than a work of many years with only a human qualification for it.

We should take time to keep recollected in God. That is, to recollect who we are, where we are, what we are doing, and to keep before the mind the Divine Presence. This will cause us to move quietly and slowly, keeping pace with God's will; it will give us poise of soul, calmness amid all circumstances, sweetness of spirit amid many provocations; it will prevent us from uttering rash words or forming harsh judgments, or giving too quick decisions, or by any impetuosity breaking the beautiful flow of the Holy Spirit through our hearts. How many thousands of times in our past lives we have seen that we made a bargain, or wrote a letter, or gave a decision, or uttered a rebuke, or in a prayer or conversation expressed thoughts just a little too soon; and that, if we had been perfectly dead to all our impetuosity, and in deep, quiet union with God, and taken time to move quietly and slowly in His will, almost infinitely better results would have been accomplished.

Who of us are learning the art of walking slow in God's time.

—Herald of His Coming

Tithes for the Storehouse

By Frank Isensee

When one is saved and receives the blessed assurance that he is one of God's elect, that person immediately enters into a continual warfare with the powers of darkness. A fight, not with flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, the strongholds of Satan, according to Ephesians 6:12.

In Ephesians 6:11 we are told to put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil. The dictionary defines wiles as devices or tricks to fool a person. Here we learn that the enemy uses tricks to fool God's children, causing them to err and to lose the blessings that God has for them. The chief source of that trouble lies in the negligence of tithing or giving of ten per cent of our income to the work of the Lord.

As a rule, the enemy has three different ways to trick one into ignoring that part of God's service. A favorite method is making one believe that it was the custom of the Old Testament days

only and that we are now living under grace and free will offering. Does not Jesus Himself tell us in Luke 11:42 that we ought to tithe? Another excuse some have for not tithing is the fact that their income seems barely enough to live on, so they cast the financial burdens of their assemblies upon the few more prosperous brethren. If they would only stop to investigate, they would discover in most cases that prosperity is with those few because they do tithe. God's Word never fails. He promises not only spiritual blessings that we can hardly contain, if we tithe, but likewise we will be supplied with sufficient goods of this world. "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." (2 Cor. 9:12)

In 2 Corinthians 9:6 we learn that if our offerings are given sparingly, we also shall reap sparingly; but if we sow bountifully, we shall reap bountifully. Also in Proverbs 3:9-10:—"Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the

first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

Another method the enemy uses to keep many from bringing their tithes into the storehouse is to confuse them between the meaning of the offerings and tithes. In Malachi 3:8 it tells us that we are robbing God, if we do not give offerings and tithes, but the word does not specify any particular place to give our offerings. It is from our offerings that we are to give to the poor and needy according to our financial standing, whatever we are led to so do. Offerings do not include tithes. Tithes come first. The first ten cents of every dollar we get is tithe money for God's storehouse, the place we receive our spiritual needs. A storehouse is a base of supplies. If we, as God's children, are to continue in this warfare against the powers of darkness, we must be kept fully supplied with fighting material. Wherever the Words of Life are put forth, there is God's storehouse, and the tithing goes toward the upkeep of said headquarters.

In Malachi 3:10 God tells us to bring all tithes into the storehouse. No part of the tithing is to go otherwise. If the reader will notice, no mention is made of the destination of the offerings, either in verse 8 or 10. Now then, if all tithes are to go into the storehouse, we certainly cannot claim the act of tithing when we give into other channels. That must be classed as offerings, and those offerings must come from the balance of our income after the first ten per cent is laid aside as tithing for God's storehouse, if we are to obey the will of God. We are robbing God if we do not give tithes and offerings according to Malachi 3:8, and we are due to miss much in the way of rewards in heaven. It has been proved in countless cases here on earth that diligent tithing has increased many fold the incomes of those who give.

Critics may ask how can God be robbed if we do not give. Let us first turn to Haggai 2:8 and read: "The silver is mine and the gold is mine saith the Lord of Hosts." Then in Colossians 1:9: "All things were created by Him and for Him." Again in Corinthians we learn: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." 1 Cor. 10:26.

Here the word tells us that not only the gold and silver is God's, but the whole earth with all things included. If that is the case, then everything man touches belongs to God, but we are privileged to use the substance of this earth with the understanding that one tenth is to be brought into the storehouse for the Owner. If a man had a fruit orchard and told some person he could pick it with the understanding that one box out of every ten was to be delivered to the owners of the house, that person would be stealing if he kept it all.

Surely then, we rob God if we hold



back what He asks for His use. He does not tell the consequences of selfishness, but He does tell of the blessings we derive from the act of tithing. It is the greatest financial bargain into which a man ever entered. It gives us those precious blessings from above that no money could ever buy, and to think that it costs but ten cents of each dollar we get.

Read again just what God promises in Malachi 3:10: "I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

We receive not only the blessings from above, but according to Proverbs 3:9-10 we are supplied with plenty of the needs of this world. So we find ourselves in a position where it is easy to tithe and also to give generously of offerings into whatever channels we are led to do so. For the pleasures of this world, the enemy demands a third of the average income.

For the peace that passeth all understanding (Philippians 4:7) and a portion that satisfies (Psalms 107:9) God asks for one tenth.

Are you in on this great bargain?

Holiday Greetings

Sincere best wishes to all in the fellowship. May the good blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Brother and Sister Gaston
Brother and Sister Thurmond
Marjorie Maddocks

ADVICE TO MINISTERS

Pray every night and shave every morning.

Keep your conscience clean, also your linen.

Let your light shine and shine your shoes.

Press your advantages, your opportunities, and your trousers.

Brush the cobwebs from your brain and the dandruff from your collar.

Be filled with the Spirit, but not with spirits.

A delinquent debt is like an addled egg in an omelet.

Be poor in spirit, but not in vocabulary.

You cannot put fire in your sermon unless there is fire in your heart.

It is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one.

Call in the homes of men if you would have men call in the house of God.

Never allow temporal trivialities to displace eternal verities.

The approval of God is more to be desired than the patronage of a rich and scrupulous pewholder.

Always be content with what you have but never with what you are.

—Selected.

Prayer Also Changes People

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by one of the laymen of his church.

The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you."

The young man saw the group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman, who grew to become one of the greatest preachers America has ever known.

"The men who try to do something and fail are better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."

Reverence is the entire forgetfulness of self in the presence of God.

Yesterday's unfinished task is a mortgage on today.



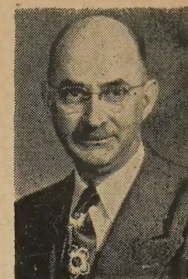
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Further Gifts for the School

Contributions listed below were received for the new Glad Tidings Bible Institute building fund from October 26 to November 25. In cases where these amounts were additions to gifts already made, the new total is shown also.

From Churches		New Total
Boyes Springs Assembly	\$ 22.60	102.61
Concord Calvary Temple	49.16	
Concord Calvary C. A.'s	12.00	
Cotati Assembly	59.40	98.03
Crockett Assembly	10.00	
Fairfield Assembly	18.60	40.73
Fortuna Assembly	17.50	
Hollister Full Gospel	28.00	185.50
Hughson Full Gospel	14.00	
Keyes Assembly	16.07	41.07
Los Gatos Three Springs Assembly	2.00	
Madera South Side Assembly	18.08	
Mill Valley Assembly	5.00	
Oakland Bethel	166.10	566.10
Oakland (E. Oakland Full Gospel)	21.00	
Oroville Assembly	83.95	219.11
Sacramento Bethel Temple	500.00	1,000.00
Sacramento Capital Assembly	75.00	
San Francisco Glad Tidings Temple	25.00	1,611.67
San Jose Bethel Church	48.50	348.50
Santa Cruz First Assembly	44.00	748.25
Sebastopol Assembly	139.81	364.55
Soquel Assembly	13.00	
Soquel C. A.'s	10.00	
St. Helena Assembly	31.00	156.00
Stockton Calvary Temple	200.00	1,200.00
Vallejo First Assembly	274.30	774.30

Vallejo North Assembly	46.71	136.71
Ukiah Gospel Tabernacle	10.00	251.25
Walnut Creek Assembly	14.20	
Westwood Full Gospel	125.00	
Yuba City Calvary Tabernacle	200.00	
<i>From Other Groups</i>		
G. T. B. I. Veterans Club	15.00	3,778.67
Redwood Subdistrict Fund	200.00	
<i>From Individuals</i>		
C. C. Anderson, Hawthorne	10.00	25.00
G. L. Berry, Pittsburg	25.00	
C. V. Bradbury, Richmond	100.00	
Virgil E. Christian	2.50	7.50
W. D. Clonts	1.00	26.00
Dorothy R. Dodge, Oakland	12.00	
Guy Dunlop, Modesto	5.00	10.00
J. R. Edgar, Ukiah	10.00	99.40
Laurie L. Hoxie, Redwood City	10.00	
Mack Lancaster, Rockport	1.00	11.00
Stanley P. MacPherson	5.00	10.00
Z. P. Miller, Santa Cruz	5.00	10.00
Orville Painter, Ceres	5.00	35.00
Leonard Palmer, Burlingame	5.00	35.00
Wm. R. Porter, Walnut Creek	11.00	36.00
Raymond W. Richter, Placerville	25.00	
C. G. & Lucia Roberts, Sacramento	100.00	115.00
Dan Robinson, Salida	10.00	
Albert Rowley, Weed	20.00	30.00
E. J. Sadler, Sacramento	10.00	110.00
Walter E. Smith, Reno	1.00	
Mrs. E. Voshell, San Francisco	5.00	
W. H. Watson, Rio Dell	5.00	
Mrs. Emilie Webb, Alma	10.00	
John C. Wright, Jr., Watsonville	15.00	30.00
Total received October 26 to November 25		\$2,923.48

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

January 30, 31 and February 1, 2

STOCKTON

Civic Auditorium

Fremont Street near El Dorado

Opening Rally - Monday Evening, January 29

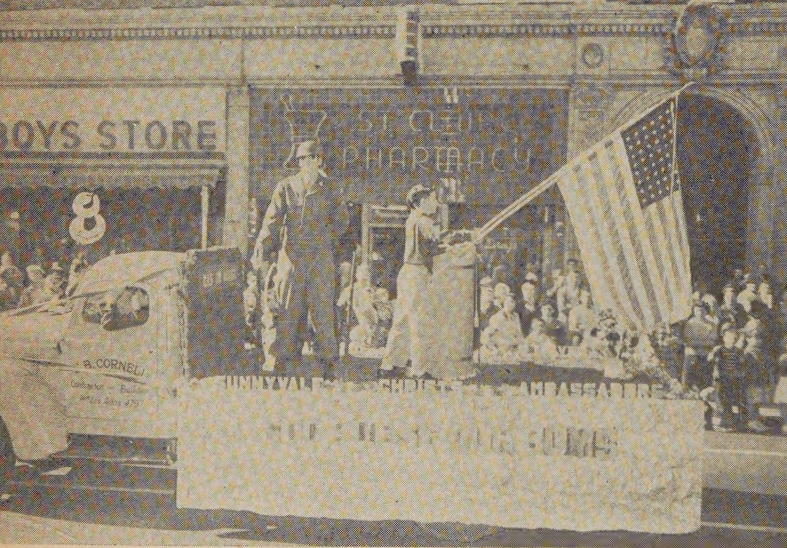
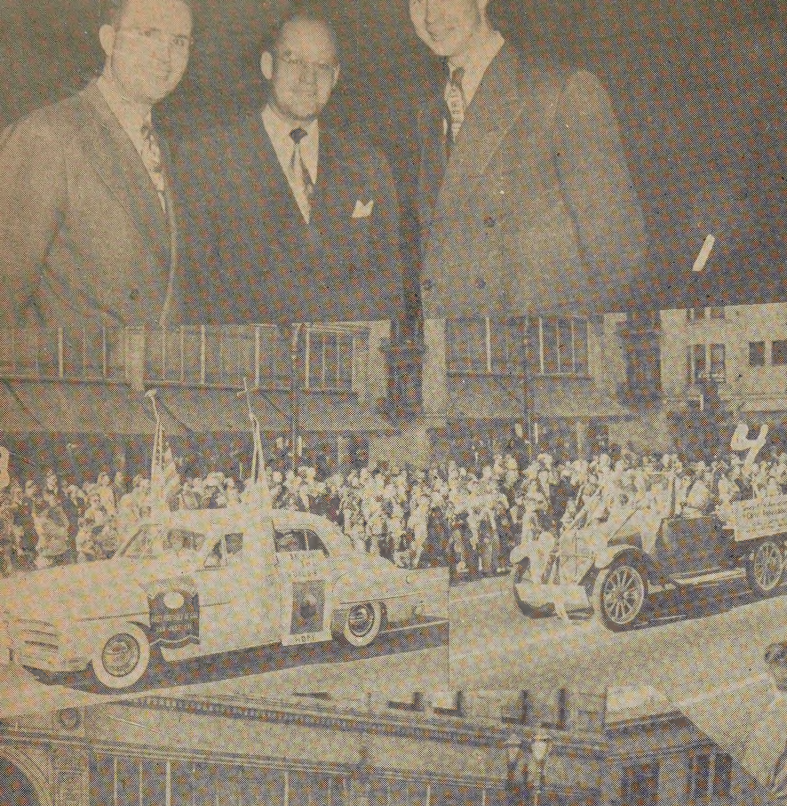
Important reports given Tuesday

This year — election of officers

Interesting statistics to be given

Other important business

Business sessions during the day - - - Gospel services at night



1. Returned to office on the nominating ballots. Wesley Steelberg, vice-president; Dick Fulmer, president, and Keith Hill, secretary-treasurer.
2. The C.A.'s have a part in the big Armistice Day parade in San Jose. It was a fine opportunity to advertise the convention then held in that city.
4. This 25-year-old Reo from Redwood City is as old as our

- C.A. movement. It came off the assembly line the same year the first of our conventions was held.
5. Turlock young people had a good float.
6. Bethel Church in San Jose had another good float.
7. This car driven by Pastor Ruff of Calvary Temple, San Jose.
8. The float from Sunnyvale.
9. Students from G. T. B. I. provided music with their float.



10. Actual transportation equipment was on the stage of the auditorium for the Speed-the-Light rally Sunday afternoon.

11. The rally was opened by the illustration of transportation by foot—without Speed-the-Light equipment.

12. Brother Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent from Springfield, and Youth Director, was the evening speaker for the convention.

13. The Lehmann family came riding onto the platform in the car shown. They sang before the afternoon message.

14. Brother Hal Lehmann preaching the message, flanked by equipment such as Speed-The-Light has provided for missionaries in many parts of the world.

15. The usher force at the convention. Bob Combs head usher.

16. The Royal Bards. A group of consecrated young men from San Jose.

Here and There

ALAMEDA—Evangelist David Sala of Modesto began a revival campaign in Glad Tidings Church on November 7. Sister Helen C. Osborn has been serving as pastor since the death of Brother Osborn in August.

ALTURAS—November 5 brought to a close eight weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Earl Henderson. Pastor Wm. L. Shelley reports that the church was greatly blessed by the services, that a number were reclaimed, and that several testified to receiving healing for their bodies.

BRICELAND (Thorn)—The church secretary, D. Behrenst, reports: "The new Redwood Chapel was dedicated October 20 at a grand homecoming event celebrating the fifth year of the work at Thorn. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed throughout the all-day services, as the three former pastors and old friends gathered together with the new. Brother C. V. Hummel of Garberville, who with Brother George McNutt started the work here and built the first church was the first speaker of the day. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Ivan Chapman of Fort Bragg. Pastor Pete North of Willits brought the evening message. We were happy to have Brother Thurmond, an old friend to all these pastors, here to deliver the dedicatory message. The W. M. C. and young people served lunch at noon and a hot meal in the evening." Fire destroyed the first chapel over a year ago. The new chapel is about twice the size of the former building and when finished will have more and better accommodations for the growth of the work there.

CHICO—Pastor Richard Orchard reports having a good revival campaign in November with Evangelists Kathleen Carter and Rosemary Berlin of Richmond.

CONCORD—Evangelist Arthur Otteson held a good revival campaign for three weeks in November with Pastor Emil J. Naef.

COTATI—Wesley J. Griggs is the new pastor. He reports having very good revival meetings recently with Evangelist Z. P. Miller.

COTATI—Brother Wesley Griggs is now the new pastor, succeeding Brother Henry McMillin.

CUPERTINO—Leona Dyer reports for the Trinity Full Gospel Church at Monte Vista (part of Cupertino): "During the month of September, Brother and Sister Lowell Dowdy and Jonathan were guests of our pastors, Brother and Sister James Merwin. These missionaries from Venezuela showed us colored slides and told us of their work. As a result of this visit and their part in the services during the month, a new missionary vision was received by the congregation.

DALY CITY—"The Sunday school attendance has reached a new high of 93," reports Pastor J. L. Jeffrey. He adds, "Brother J. D. Hudgin of Sebastopol was with us for three nights, and souls were seeking the Lord."

DELHI—Several were saved during the revival meetings held from November 5 to 19 by Evangelist Leonard Miller. He is assisted by Brother Willie Frazier of Watsonville. The pastor is P. R. Ford.

DUNSMUIR—Walter Hardy, their reporter, writes of their C. A. business meeting: "New officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Jorgenson; vice-president, Dale Hoskins; secretary-treasurer, Mary Gibson." The pastor is J. O. Jorgensen.

ELY, NEVADA—Sister Wilhite is carrying on the work, doing the preaching, during the time Pastor C. F. Wilhite is convalescing from a back injury suffered at his work, which he has been doing until the church grows sufficiently in numbers to become self-supporting.

EUREKA, NEVADA—Brother G. W. Hunter, who is from the Michigan District and has been working in some of the Nevada assemblies, is now pastoring a new gospel work in Eureka, a town 80 miles west of Ely, on Highway 50.

GREENVILLE—The former pastor, Vernon H. Ragsdale, reports: "Brother H. J. Ketner was with us in Greenville the last week in August. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The results of the meetings will be long lasting. The water baptism service was a scene of beauty. One whole family was baptized. We were thrilled at the mercy and grace of our wonderful Lord." The present pastor is Don North.

HEALDSBURG—At the end of October, Pastor Seth Hartman reported: "Evangelist Z. P. Miller has just closed three weeks meetings with us. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service."

KERMAN—James Adkins and Calvin Zeissler began revival meetings October 29 with Pastor J. C. Snyder.

MODESTO (Bethel)—Evangelist Paul Cook of Atlanta, Georgia, began a revival campaign November 19 with Pastor Donald G. Weston.

PALO ALTO—Pastor William E. Pickthorn has started a Christian workers' training school, which meets once a week in Glad Tidings Tabernacle. The first night there were 100 in attendance. The 85 who enrolled for the courses are from six of our churches in that area and from three other denominations. The second week there were 103 in attendance.

PORTOLA—The Lassen-Plumas fellowship meeting held there October 2 was well attended. The speakers were W. W. Simpson, veteran missionary to China, and Pastor Chas. L. Elmes of Gridley. The local

church served a fellowship dinner in the Veterans' Hall. The pastors are Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw.

ROCKPORT—The gospel work in Rockport continues to enjoy good growth. Sunday school attendance has reached 88, and they are now working for 100. Plans are made to start building a parsonage soon, and then to erect a church building some time next year. Brother Mack Lancaster is the pastor.

ROSEVILLE—The Capitol district fellowship meeting was held there November 13. Pastor Wm. T. Scott of Oroville was the evening speaker. The pastor of Roseville's Glad Tidings Tabernacle is R. A. Wilson.

SACRAMENTO—Our churches in the city co-operated in the city-wide revival meeting with Bob Wells and party in the tent cathedral on the south parking lot of the State Fair Grounds. Some nights the 5,000 seats were nearly filled. Many souls were saved during the three weeks. Les Barnett, formerly with our Sermon In Songs program from Springfield, was the organist for the party. The great campaign ended October 29.

SALIDA—Pastor Dan Robinson reported during the third week of revival meetings with Evangelist Mack McKim of Oklahoma: "There have been 12 saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost, and our Sunday school attendance went over the top Sunday. We had 233. We are having good crowds, and the saints are moved to prayer."

SALINAS (Alisal)—There were good results in the meetings and good attendance during the evangelistic campaign Brother Vernon Murray held with Pastor Louis E. Weston for two weeks beginning November 12.

SOQUEL—Evangelist P. E. Robertson held a good campaign there in October. In Mid-November, Brother and Sister E. E. Stump, formerly in Morgan Hill, began revival meetings. The pastor is Elizabeth Mehringer.

SOUTH FORK—Brother and Sister George McQueen held revival meetings recently in the Bull Creek assembly with Pastor Glen Parks.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—Pastor C. E. Curtright reports a very successful revival held by Pastor J. L. Jeffrey of Daly City; one saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and many are seeking. They are praising the Lord for the enthusiasm shown in giving to the church building program.

TRINIDAD—Pastor Herbert Chisum of the McKinleyville church writes: "We have just closed a week's revival with Brother Z. P. Miller. The saints were revived and encouraged."

FOR SALE—Accordion, 120 bass, 3 shift keys. Italo-American, practically new. Price \$400. Paid \$525.00. Mrs. Dorothy Gibbons, 500 Sixth Ave., Menlo Park. (This address is near Redwood City, between Bayshore and El Camino Real.)

PERSONAL MENTION

ALBERT J. LEBECK was elected vice-president of the Gideons of California and Nevada at their annual meeting in Fresno in October. He had served the three previous years as secretary. Adolph Schmidt, member of Glad Tidings in San Francisco and brother to Pastor Otto Schmidt of Atwater, was elected northern trustee. The newly elected president is Theo. Kummerfeld of Fresno, G.T.B.I. graduate, class of '28.

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AGNES RODLI and MILDRED JAMES have recently moved into a new cabin built for them in the frozen north. They now have separate living quarters, leaving their school room and post office in the old cabin.

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Brother and Sister STANLEY MacPHERSON recently held meetings in Illinois, in Granite City and in Alton. From Illinois they went to Florida for meetings in Winter Haven. Brother MacPherson expects to return to Jamaica in January. He also intends to go to Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic holding meetings in various parts of the West Indies. While he is away, Sister MacPherson will hold evangelistic meetings here in the states.

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RUTH and BOB FERGUSON, who have been traveling with the STANLEY MacPHERSONS, her parents, in revival campaigns of their own in Illinois.

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Brother and Sister OLIVER CARRIER of Guerneville, who have been in the Mississippi District for the past two years, have opened a gospel work in Big Pine, on the eastern slope of the Sierras east of Fresno.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Brother and Sister G. Oliver Hall, formerly in Placerville, and now attending Southwestern Bible Institute in Texas, welcomed their third son, Charles Lee, into their home August 14. Brother and Sister Hall graduated from G.T.B.I. with the class of '41.

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Jacqueline Ramona arrived October 30 in the home of Pastor and Mrs. Jack Wien of Anderson. She is their second daughter.

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Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson have welcomed a second son into their home. Jon Charles was born November 22 in Santa Cruz.

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Faith draws the poison from every grief, and takes the sting from every loss.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

DECEMBER—

- 4—Garberville, Herlong, Oakland (Temple), Valley Springs
- 11—Rockport, Rodeo
- 18—Merced, Sebastopol
- 19—Yreka

JANUARY—

- 1—Ferndale
- 3—Antioch
- 16—Mount Shasta

Brother Gortner In Florida

Early in November Brother and Sister J. Narver Gortner left their home in Berkeley and went to Pinellas Park, Florida, to our Assemblies of God home for retired ministers and missionaries. Brother Gortner is not able to see to get about alone, and Sister Gortner is very frail; so they decided it is better to be where they will not have the care and responsibility of maintaining their own home for a few months, and that they probably could be more comfortable in Florida winter than in the winter climate of the bay area here.

Suffering from cataracts, Brother Gortner has not been able to see to read for several months. He has not been able to read what he has typed when he has written his articles for this magazine. But he has faithfully carried on this phase of his ministry and in so doing has been a means of real blessing to his many readers. Because of the handicap under which he has been laboring, I have wondered from month to month which article would be his last. It is with real pleasure, therefore, that word is received from Brother Gortner that he expects to continue to write for *Glad Tidings* when his typewriter arrives in Florida. Because he has stored so much of the Word of God away on the shelves of memory, he has a rich storehouse from which to draw. The inability to get around very much unattended serves to give still more time for meditation. From this circumstance comes the material given to us in articles each month. This faithfulness is yet another factor of inspiration and blessing in our esteemed brother's life and ministry.

The District fellowship wishes for Brother and Sister Gortner strength and health for many days to come. We'll be praying.

—M. M.

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When the great oak is straining in the wind its boughs drink in new beauty, and its trunk sends down a deeper root on the windward side. —Markham.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Bethel Tabernacle, East 14th and 25th Avenues, Oakland, reports the holding of its Tenth Annual Missionary Convention, October 29 through November 5. Pastor Willard C. Peirce reports that there were five parts of Africa represented in the convention, as well as India, China and South America.

One theme seemed to prevail in every missionary's talk. That is the prominent part now being taken by national workers in every mission field. The American or white missionary is establishing Bible schools and training the national worker. Then the national churches take over the entire maintenance of local churches in some areas, and District Councils are formed, with the missionaries as counsellors and helpers. As one missionary put it, "A few years ago we did not think indigenous missionary work was possible in our field. We feared to place the responsibility of superintending the work in their hands; but along came the war, the missionary was forced to leave, and in the emergency the national workers have surprised us by the efficiency of their management and their long-range vision of evangelism. The reports that come to our office thrill our hearts to realize that what Paul did in establishing local churches is again happening in our various mission fields."

On the closing Sunday afternoon a missionary pageant presented 20 missionaries, mostly in native costumes. Pastor Peirce interviewed a representative of each mission field asking how Communism and the present world crisis was affecting missionary work. The reports from every speaker were most encouraging. Instead of retrenching, missionary work is going forward. But the crisis being precipitated on every field by increased nationalism and war make it imperative that what we do for God must be done speedily.

The Women's Missionary Council presented a special display on Friday afternoon. During the year they had turned in over \$200 cash into the missionary treasury. And clothing, bedding, and other articles prepared by the ladies were estimated to exceed another \$300 in value. Numbers of boxes had been sent out throughout the year, and the large display of goods on the platform was divided among a number of the missionaries present to be sent to the field immediately. They also reported that a "Missionary Christmas Tree" service was held during September. A regular tree with its Christmas decorations was on the platform and all the people of the church brought in presents of clothing, and materials to be sent to different missionary fields. Eight large boxes were packed and shipped to different missionaries and five more for national workers. The conservative estimate of the value

of these was over \$150. Miss Eileen Edwards, missionary to India and assistant pastor at Bethel Tabernacle, directed the summer "Christmas tree" activities.

Not only was the tenth annual convention held in Bethel Tabernacle, but in 12 other Assembly of God churches in the East Bay area simultaneous conventions were held. The following missionaries cooperated in these conventions: Glen Horst and W. W. Simpson from China; from Nyassa Land, East Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wright; from French West Africa, Mrs. Harold Jones; from Gold Coast West Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lehmann and Rev. and Mrs. McNutt; from Sierra Leon, Miss Jennie Carlson; Herbert Felton from Lima, Peru, represented Latin America; with the Latin American Orphanage work presented by Floyd Hawkins, Nelson Hinman, and Morse Ward. India was represented by Miss Eileen Edwards, Miss

Berneice Lee, and Miss Edith Dutton. Mrs. John Jurgensen, who was just preparing to sail for Japan, also took part in some of the convention services.

All of the pastors who cooperated in these conventions reported that their churches were spiritually stirred by the addresses and the pictures and the field presented in their meetings. The pastors voted in their Monday luncheon on the 6th of November that this type of simultaneous conventions should be held again next year.

The cash offerings received in the various churches and divided among the various missionaries totaled over \$1,300 in addition, all the churches took their regular offerings which cover their regular missionary commitments and sent them through their regular channels. Another number of churches took pledges to encourage giving throughout the coming year.

W. M. C. Work Appreciated in Distant Lands

The North Bay sectional director, Mrs. A. J. Ruedger reports on the Women's Missionary Council rally held at Petaluma: "In spite of wet and stormy weather there was a splendid turn-out, well over a hundred attending. Brother and Sister Paul Wright from Nyassa land were the morning speakers, and Sister Daisy Kennedy spoke in the afternoon. The Lord blessed, and their inspiring messages enlarged our vision. We had a canned foods shower for Brother and Sister Wright and Sister Kennedy. Two tables were filled with canned goods of all descriptions. Each church brought a report of the work in the local W.M.C. These were very interesting and gave us new ideas. One fourth of the offerings of the day amounted to \$12.51, which is for the District fund. We voted to have the next rally (in the spring) at Sebastopol."

Brother and Sister Albert Kehr arrived safely in Hawaii and are busy witnessing and winning souls for the Lord among the Chinese people. Mrs. Kehr writes how indebted she is to the Women's Missionary Councils for their kindness. They now have their small rented home. She would welcome a visit from the ladies so they could see her lovely pillow cases, doilies, aprons, and all the other lovely things. She regrets that she had to take the utility doll apart, but she needed the things it was made of. This was from Reno, Nevada. Other things were from the Palo Alto young matrons group, Santa Rosa, Martinez, Glad Tidings, San Francisco, and other places. She says: "I praise God for these precious sisters and may the Lord continue to bless them as we labor together for Him."

From Japan comes a letter from Ray Pedigo, Mrs. James Merwin's brother,

with greetings to the W.M.C.'s. Ray received several boxes of things from our display at camp this summer. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the lovely things you give me. I want you to know that they are appreciated, and that I just don't see how I could possibly get along without them. All of the clothing, bedding, and other things are coming in mighty handy here. It is pretty cold in Japan now, and will be getting colder; Snow will soon be flying." He requests prayer for the many new converts and for meeting places for them. He also sent me a list of duty-free articles which can be sent in "relief parcels." I will be glad to pass on this information to anyone interested in sending to Japan.

Mrs. Jess Pedigo, Ray's sister-in-law, also writes thanks for the many lovely things she received from the W.M.C. and says that she is sharing baby clothes with a needy Norwegian missionary couple.

I trust these letters impress you with the necessity of labeling each article with your name and address so you will get letters from those who receive them.

NOTICE TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS:

Just as soon as your Home Missionary Christmas boxes are packed, please fill out your yearly report blank and see that your Sectional Director receives it as soon as possible. If you have not already received a report blank, your director has one for you. We have tried to make the reports as simple as possible so that we can get some idea of the over-all work that our district is accomplishing through the W.M.C.

If each group will bring a pair of sheets and a pair of pillow cases, or more, to District Council at Stockton

Missions

Singapore Lula and Valance Baird

(Brother and Sister Baird (she is the former Lula Ashmore of Oakland) have recently opened a new mission in still another part of the great city of Singapore, leaving their former station in the hands of other missionaries to carry on.)

It would be grand if all of you could come over and visit us for a few days. As far as transportation is concerned, it is possible, for the Pan-American Airlines now reach Singapore from the Pacific Coast in about 48 hours. Arriving in Singapore you might be a bit disappointed in seeing some modern buildings and so many automobiles. However, we would take you for a ride through the Chinatowns, and you would see the crowded quarters of the masses in their own surroundings, where you could pass many hours with many interesting sights to behold.

We read recently that in those sections there are approximately 700 people to each acre. There is so little gospel reaching these masses. Our mission is located in a housing project some distance from the regular Chinatown. However, practically everyone who is living in these new housing projects were formerly living in Chinatown. So God is giving us an opportunity to reach some who have heretofore been closed away in unreached Chinatown.

We are reaching comparatively few people. There should be hundreds of missions scattered throughout the island. There are thousands of shophouses in this city. One wonders how they all exist, and yet to find one empty one in which to open a mission is impossible. The tenement population is practically untouched. If people had radios as they do in the States, much could be done in getting the gospel into the homes through this channel. Radios here are taxed; so this may be one reason why so few of the poorer people own one. Broadcasting is under government control, as in England, and it is not easy to get time. We have found that it is necessary out here to open a mission right where the people live. It must be made very accessible to them. Even then, those who will pay the price to become real believers are few. We do praise the Lord for the 70 or so who have accepted Him since our beginning some sixteen months ago.

the last week of January, we will again be able to meet a real missionary need.

Exodus 35:25 "And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen."

—Mrs. R. J. T.

C.A.'s HELP PAY FOR CABIN
COURTS AT BETHANY PARK

The following groups have contributed to this project up to October 1.

GROUP	AMOUNT
Stockton C.A. Convention	\$ 84.89
North Bay Section	57.00
North San Joaquin Sec. (rallies)	132.27
Turlock	245.81
Modesto-6th and G	150.00
Escalon	150.00
Capitol Section	
Colfax	5.00
Marysville	5.00
Auburn	7.50
Sacramento (Bethel Temple)	450.00
South San Joaquin Section	
Atwater	10.00
Delhi	15.00
Los Banos	10.00
Kerman	20.00
Chowchilla	20.00
Gustine	15.00
Tranquility	10.00
Merced	15.00
Madera	155.00
East Bay Section (rallies)	21.00
Alameda	40.00
Coast Counties Section	
Pacific Grove	50.00
Hollister	25.00
Watsonville (Pajaro)	25.00
Santa Cruz	50.00
Salinas-Calvary	41.00
Salinas-Alisal	100.38
Morgan Hill	67.16
Soledad	10.00
San Francisco Glad Tidings Tem.	20.00
1950 Golden Gate Boat Ride	109.00
Total	\$2,116.01

WE NEVER KNOW

By John Oxenham

I spoke a word
And no one heard;
I wrote a word,
And no one cared
Or seemed to heed;
But after half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,
Sowers of seed unconsciously,
Our hearers are beyond our ken,
Yet all we give may come again
With usury of joy or pain.
We never know
To what one little word may grow.
See to it, then, that all your seeds
Be such as bring forth noble deeds.

The materialism of the world makes such a strong appeal to the spirit of man that the vast majority of the inhabitants of the earth give far more time and attention to the requirements of the body than to the requirements of the spiritual nature which is the more important part of man's constitution. Happy indeed is he who can say, with Paul, that even though the outward man may perish, the inward man is being renewed day by day. And this renewal of the inward man can go on only as we walk in the Spirit and refuse to obey the lusts of the flesh.

If our religion does not make us courteous, we need to examine it with some anxiety.

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The church is full of willing people. Half are willing to work; the rest are willing to let them.

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay his head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own —
The cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountainside;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest—
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb
The Passover lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet;
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own—
The cross was His own.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the holiday season be a time of blessing to the young people and all those in our fellowship.

—Dick Fulmer and family

FAITH

Faith is not merely praying
Upon your knees at night;
Faith is not merely straying
Through darkness to the light.

Faith is not merely waiting
For glory that may be.
Faith is not merely hating
The sinful ecstasy.

Faith is the brave endeavor
The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise.

—By S. E. Kiser



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CHRISTMAS TIME

Say folks! here it is Christmas time once more. It just doesn't seem possible, does it, that a whole year has rolled by since last we sat about the tree? Yes!, Christmas is a time everyone enjoys, both mothers, and daddys, and girls, and boys; when around the tree, all gathered there, the feeling is lovely, and such fellowship rare!

But, Christmas time has greater worth, than the mere exchange of presents here on earth. It marks the time of our dear Saviour's birth. How back in days of old, the coming of the Redeemer was foretold; the birth of Him who chose to come to earth, who chose to know a lowly birth, a life of poverty to live, eternal life to us to give.

Christmas is the time that we our gifts exchange, a time of which we dream. God gave to sinful man the gift of heaven supreme. He gave His best, His only Son, born on Christmas Day.

The world thinks of holidays, presents, and fun, but all Christians should think of the birth of their Saviour, God's only Son.

—Duncan Morley, Class '50

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Home for Christmas. What does that phrase mean to most people? A large turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a tree with gifts, and all the family at home. All this has become the American version of Christmas.

Many of our boys who are in uniform fighting the Korean war will not meet with their families around the fireplace this Christmas. They can only think of home. To them Christmas is just another day of fighting, of cold, of killing, and of looking for mail call.

Christmas is a day of heartache to thousands. Memories are all they have left. Mother is gone, father passed away last year, sister lives many miles away, brother has his own friends.

Jesus is the heart and center of Christmas. The lonely ones, the boys and girls fighting the war, if they have Jesus in their hearts they will carry Christmas with them wherever they go and the year around. They will have the joy of giving self to Jesus and bountifully receiving from Him.

What this world today needs with its chaos and heartache is a real Christian Christmas with the proper emphasis on the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Marjorie Holland, Class '50
(a former WAVE)

NOW IT'S DIFFERENT

To me Christmas no longer means liquor, a date, and a dance floor. Its pure and unadulterated meaning floods my soul, because of a divine revelation wrought by the love of God. As a child I learned to associate Christmas with toys from Santa Claus. Sometimes even these were omitted. Not once do I recall hearing of the lovely name of Christ or the story of His birth.

At the age of eleven I unknowingly read of the crucifixion of Christ. While sitting in a fourth grade study hour, tears flowed down my cheeks as I read the account of His sufferings. At the end of the period I returned the book to its proper place on the library shelf. Sometime later, how long I do not recall, a futile search was made for the Book which contained the story of the man who endured the death of a cross. The Book had been removed. How or why I do not know.

Several years passed before the hand of God again reached out to draw me into His presence and the truth of a reality in salvation. One evening in a Puyallup, Washington, Methodist church, God directed an ardent believer to counsel me concerning my soul. Blindly I accepted Christ. From that time, regular attendance was maintained at the home town Methodist Church near Auburn, Washington. My motive for constant attendance centered more on a feeling that it was the right thing to do, rather than a reality in Christ or salvation.

Months passed and soon they offered me the office of Sunday School Superintendent. I had not served long before being reprimanded for not wearing a suit to Sunday school. In disgust and hurt I left their fellowship never to return. At the age of eighteen, family ties were broken. At nineteen my associations were with the world and amongst the vilest of men in the territory of Alaska. Wine, women, and song were my portion and strongest desire.

One Christmas while in Palmer, Alaska, on a roaring drunk with several others, someone suggested that we attend the local Catholic Church for Christmas Eve midnight service. Drunkenness kept us from it. However, the next day, Sunday, we did attend morning worship. In our stupor we bowed when others bowed, stood as they stood, and prayed when they prayed. The priest uttered some unintelligible words, and the benediction was pronounced. The

only thing the service accomplished was a sobering effect; that is the time spent there kept us from the bars and all alcoholic beverages. That constituted one of the three times that I entered a church in six long years of wandering in the sin and degradation of the world.

In the fall of the year 1948 I managed to break the bonds of the lure of Alaska, and returned to Washington. God's providence led me to Morton, Washington, to work in the logging industry. There God again called me to repentance. His invitation was made through a Pentecostal family with whom I boarded. They invited me to church, and on my third visit God marvelously saved my soul. It was confirmed to me with the immediate removal of the smoke habit. Thirty days later God graciously baptized me with the Holy Spirit.

December came, then Christmas. Not only did I know of its true meaning, but I possessed it in my heart. No drinks, smoking, dancing or cursing—just Christ in my heart, enough for me.

—Don Schutzler, Class of '50

BE NOT AFRAID

"Be not afraid." Those were the first words sent from heaven to men when Christ was born. The shepherds feared, for they knew not why such an invasion of angels should come. Just as the stillness of that night was broken by the words "Be not afraid," so God meets us today with the same words.

We hear of our lovely Master again and again "fear not." They seemed to have been His favorite words, for hardly a day went by in his ministry that He did not use them. Every time the disciples were afraid and cast down, He would lift them up with these words. When they were sinking in a storm, He heard their cry and said, "Fear not." When danger awaited them, there came that reassuring voice again. One of His last words was, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

May those words Christ spoke ever live in our hearts. He smiles upon our fears, and, as it were, laughs them away in the sunshine of His glory. My friend, what are you afraid of? For He is with you, even to the end. Christ said in His Word, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He also said, "I have overcome the world." Fear not, for "all things are possible to him that believeth."

To those shepherds of Bethlehem, the words "fear not" were an encouragement, and to us they are also words of power and life. And Jesus meets us at every turn of life with these words of comfort. —Leonard Smith, Class '50

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On Sunday morning while most people are asleep, many students are busy getting ready to travel to the various outlying communities to help in the Sunday services.

This year the students have more opportunities for Christian service than in past years. Eighteen different churches are using the students in their Sunday services. The students, who love the Lord with all their hearts, are proving to be a real blessing in all these churches.

In the chapel services every Tuesday morning, students are given an opportunity to testify of the results they've seen during the weekend. Many wonderful reports are given of the salvation of souls because of students' efforts in speaking to them about their souls. We believe the students are doing, with the help of the Lord, a wonderful work for Him.

—Eddie Kramer, Lodi

MISSIONARY MEETINGS

Every Thursday night between 6:30 and 7:30 the students meet for missionary meetings. They choose one group with which they would like to pray. There are seven groups: African, Asia, European, Islands of the Sea, Palestine, Latin American, and the Home Missions. After these meetings they all speak of the blessing received while praying for missions and missionaries. During these meetings, the groups call in missionaries to speak, or they make special studies so that they may know what is being done on the fields.

Immediately following the group meetings, missionary rallies are held for an hour. These assemblies have been times of consecration and refreshing. As a result of these meetings, some students feel they have received calls to missionary service.

The needs of various fields have been presented by such missionaries as Sister Kehr of China, Wayne Conklin of Hawaii, R. J. Renfro representing Africa, Saul Benjamin of the Arabic field, and John Lindvall, who has served in Europe.

These services are looked forward to with great expectancy.

Dan Hughes
Bakersfield, Calif.

MISSIONAIRES VISIT

The Missionaires came to the school November 14 for a special chapel service. We enjoyed the stirring quartet and instrumental numbers. A ten-minute message by the quartet accompanist helped to show us what is being done through the Speed the Light program. The last number they sang became our hearts' desire—"Go, Give, Pray."

—Vernita Persing Richmond

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Music activities play a large part in school life. Already this semester many opportunities for service have been offered and accepted. The Lord's blessing has rested upon these extra-curricular activities of the students.

The Ambassador Choir, consisting of about sixty members and directed by Rev. Mark Bell, has had singing engagements in Morgan Hill, Oakland, San Jose, Santa Cruz, and the C. A. Convention. A smaller group of about twenty voices is being organized. This choir will sing at the more distant churches and smaller churches of our section.

The ladies chorus and mens chorus, directed by George Sondenno, is practicing for a Christmas program to be given in Santa Cruz. The Junior and Senior male quartets, ladies trios, and other musical groups also are available for special services in the churches of our district.

Stephen Asmuth,
Morgan Hill, Calif.

Reputation is what you need to get a job. Character is what you need to keep one.

THREE MAPS

A Christian business man who always kept three maps hanging above his desk was asked for an explanation. "These maps represented three stages of my life," was the reply. "Before I found my Saviour I was a young and enthusiastic real estate dealer in this city. In those days I always had this map"—pointing to one of them—"before me. It is a map of a part of the city with certain additions and subdivisions in which I was much interested. In those days I didn't think of much else or live for much else but real estate.

"Then one day I found Christ, and I began to look farther. When I began to live outside my community I hung up another map. It is the map of my state and country, and my city is only a dot upon it. My real estate business doesn't show here.

"Last of all when I began to think of my Christianity in world-wide terms, I hung up another map—a world map. My real estate doesn't show here, even my city is gone; but I keep it to remind me that I am to live for the whole world."

"We should not pray for easy lives, but pray that we may be strong. We should not pray for tasks equal to the powers we have, but pray for power equal to our tasks. Then the doing of the work will be no miracle; but we shall be the miracle. Every day we shall wonder at the richness of life that has come to us."

—Bishop Brooks

COST OF SUICIDE

Last February Dr. Leo Szilard suggested a hydrogen bomb could be rigged so as to destroy the whole human race in a torrent of radioactive dust. Other atomic scientists, including Dr. Albert Einstein, were swift to agree with the noted Hungarian-born physicist that such a weapon was theoretically possible.

Recently Dr. James B. Arnold, brilliant, boyish physicist of the University of Chicago's Institute for Nuclear Studies stated that the weapon would have to be enormous, perhaps two and a half times as heavy as the battleship Missouri, and the explosive charge of heavy hydrogen would alone cost a minimum of \$2,000,000,000 (the budget of the entire Manhattan project) while the price might run twenty times as high, depending on the efficiency of the bomb.

The cobalt shell would weigh from 10,000 to 100,000 tons, compared with the 2,500 tons of cobalt consumed in the United States in 1948 at a cost averaging about \$1.60 per pound.

There is still considerable doubt that a hydrogen bomb can be detonated. Atomic Energy Commission member Sumner Pike has rated the H-bomb "between possible and probable."

Perhaps the most hopeful aspect is that Arnold and Szilard agree it seems extremely difficult to confine the lethal range of a hydrogen-cobalt bomb, even to a single continent. Those who would use the weapon for murder must be willing to accept suicide in the bargain.

IN THE EVENING

"Alone with God in the evening,
When are past the cares of the day,
And the hot, flushed clouds of sunset
Have faded to sober gray!
The troubles that weighed my spirit,
In the hush of the darkness cease.
I'm alone with God in the evening,
And my soul is filled with peace.

"Alone with God in the evening!
Is the record dark or fair
That has gone all day to the gates of heaven,
en,
To be recorded there?
I think of each sinful action,
With throbbing heart and brain:
For the day that has gone to eternity,
I never can live again.

"Alone with God in the evening!
I fall on my knees, to pray
That He, in His tender, pitying love,
Will forgive the sins of the day;
And a peace settles down on my spirit,
And I rest like a weary child.
I'm alone with God in the evening,
And to Him I am reconciled."

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Religion Under Russian Rule

It is reported that sixty per cent of the Lutheran churches of Lithuania are now closed. Only one bishop has escaped deportation. Taxes higher than congregations can pay have been levied on church buildings, so that the Soviet administration will soon be in possession of them all.

In Estonia there is a tax on confirmation. Each child confirmed must pay 1,000 rubles. Christian funerals are taxed at 1,500 rubles.

A secret church exists among Baltic peoples deported to Siberia, according to a Swedish report. There is nothing visible of this church, which numbers a million members, but in the evening the prisoners from the labor camps come together for devotions. Atheistic training given to the children is counteracted by secret religious instruction organized by this underground church.

Parochial Schools

The International Council of Religious Education gives the following figures on the number of church-operated schools in the United States, and the pupils attending. The Roman Catholics have 10,188 schools with an enrollment of 2,606,000. The Lutherans, 1,296 schools with enrollment of 96,000. The Seventh-day Adventists, 970 schools with enrollment of 35,000. Reformed Churches, 120 schools with enrollment of 21,000. The Assemblies of God have three schools operated by local churches. Of these various groups, the Roman Catholic is the only church asking for public school funds for parochial schools, for the Protestants recognize the necessity of preserving the traditional American principle of the separation of church and state.

Five-Year Defense Program

Weapons "more terrible" than the atom bomb which "could destroy civilization on earth" make necessary an American five-year program of military preparedness costing ultimately almost \$19,000,000,000 a year.

This is the conclusion reached after months of study by the Congressional airpolicy board in a report nearing completion for submission to the House and Senate.

Other and more terrible weapons have been developed, the employment of which in war is, to us, well nigh unthinkable. Among these are radioactive dust, bacteria, biological poison and toxic gases. The effects of these weapons, if used, could destroy civilization on earth - certainly civilization as we know it."

Internal Blows

Governor Earl Warren declared in a recent speech, "No enemy boring from within ever can deal as cruel or effective a blow as can that public official who is dishonest, incompetent, indifferent."

Do we as Christians realize our responsibility as "public officials" representing Christ. We are watched by the public in every walk of life. What kind of an impression are we making? Are we honest, competent and faithful in our Christian standards? Are we as efficient in representing Christ's kingdom; as we expect our public officials to represent our government?

Reading Versus Other Interests

Sir Philip Gibbs suggests that the reading of the Bible is drawing to a close, that with the advent of radio, television, movies, reading may become only the hobby of old-fashioned folk and great students.

Yet To Be Learned

"It is a matter of colossal and tragic irony that man with all his genius has never learned how to live with himself, has not mastered the art of human relations." Dr. Ralph Bunche, director, U.N. Dept. of Trusteeships.

Pressure And Temptation

The crime of embezzlement is getting to be very common in the U.S. \$600,000,000 lifted out of tills of U.S. concerns by employees last year. It is rarely premeditated according to experts, but just happens when the temptation becomes great and incomes are shrunk from taxes. Often it would not happen except for loose bookkeeping methods of the concerns.

Persecution

The Communists have tightened the screws on Christians trapped behind the Iron Curtain. Reports out of Hungary are that many of the 9,000 monks and nuns expelled from monasteries and convents when 63 Catholic orders were liquidated, have been arrested. In East Germany the Communist government outlawed the Jehovah's Witnesses, and jailed more than 1,500 Witnesses. In all Communist-dominated countries a systematic drive has been launched to steep the youth in Red dogma. All pre-war textbooks have been destroyed; the new ones eliminate any reference to religion.

Bug Bomb Claims

"Germ warfare has now been develop-

ed into a major weapon of mass destruction. Contrasted with atomic warfare it is cheap and simple. Germ warfare requires only laboratories - most of the weapons can be prepared in breweries or distilleries. Germ warfare offers a varied and flexible group of weapons. It could be used to destroy men, animals or plants selectively - or merely to make them useless, and, if desired, perhaps only temporarily.

"Unlike atomic warfare it would not destroy property. It is the pre-eminent terror weapon because its effects always would be delayed rather than instantaneous, and because it would employ strange or altered or artificially combined diseases. It might be used to produce casualties in large numbers or in such a way that only a few cases would be needed to demoralize a whole population. Germ warfare epitomizes the total war that is now ready for use."

During the last war we isolated and produced in quantity crystalline botulinus toxin, the most potent of all gastrointestinal poisons. It is 100 per cent fatal to man; it's 10,000 times as poisonous as potassium cyanide; one gram of it contains 7,000,000 lethal doses and one airplane can carry enough to destroy the population of the earth.

Using this toxin, saboteurs can easily annihilate the population of any city Russian or American. Twenty-five pounds of it evenly dispersed will contaminate 1,000,000,000 gallons of water to the extent that three swallows will be a lethal dose. Since it doesn't act for about nine hours, normally every resident of a city would have consumed a lethal dose before its presence was noted in the water.

Northwestern University announced that its chemists had isolated a substance of such toxicity that "one-quarter pound dropped in the water supply of a city of 100,000 would kill every inhabitant."

Melioidosis, a disease of the Malay Archipelago, is "perhaps the most formidable potential agent for germ warfare. It is highly fatal, foreign, mysterious, hard to diagnose until after death; 683 cases observed in man only two are known to have survived.

Bible is Credited With

Saving Soldier's Life

A Bible carried into battle in Korea by army Corporal Douglas Cook is credited with saving his life. Cook, a 19 year old soldier from Grand Rapids, Michigan, is in the Naval hospital in Bethesda Md. He was wounded on the Masan front August 14. A machine gun bullet tore through his legs and penetrated halfway through the Bible he carried in his pants pocket. Hospital authorities said that if the Bible had not been in the way the bullet probably would have killed him.







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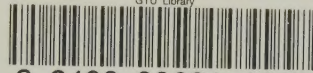
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